

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing you again to express my concern for the slow pace of change in gun safety legislation in Connecticut. Today marks 3 months since the shootings in Newtown, and thousands of people in the US have lost their lives since then to gun violence. We need to lead on this issue- it is time to make change and do the right thing.

The polls are showing great support for stricter legislation. These are not radical ideas, and are crucial to public safety. I will restate what I want for new gun law legislation in Connecticut:

1. A ban on military style assault weapons that are listed by model name or, if not listed, are semi-automatic weapons capable of accepting detachable magazines and have military features. Individuals who own these should have to register them, and future sales and purchases should be outlawed. Exemptions should only be for law enforcement , corrections officials and military and naval personnel discharging their official duties.
2. A ban on large capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds. Individuals in possession of magazines with a capacity greater than ten rounds should have until October 1, 2013 to sell out of state, turn over to law enforcement or permanently modify to longer be capable of holding more than ten rounds.
3. Expanding safe storage laws- not just calling for strict liability for negligence in prohibiting access to minors- amending to encompass all individuals ineligible to own a firearm, not just minors under 16.
4. Requiring universal background checks on all sales and transfers including private sales.

If bringing 5,500 people to Hartford last month didn't convince you that people want change, please remember the thousands more who stand with us on this issue. This is not an attack on the Second Amendment. Newtown changed Connecticut forever, and we will vote accordingly. Please do not bow to gun manufacturers and keep residents first in your mind.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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